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Investigations of materials for tactics in Hunchun and South Ussuri Areas. (A statement concerning conditions of topography, communications, positions, etc.)

20 Dec 1933 - The Chief of Staff of Korean Army, OGUSHI, Keikichi.

To the Vice-Minister of War, Y. NAGAWA, Heisuke.

Taking advantage of the time from the middle of October to the end of November, when our Hunchun detachment made the autumn subjugation, we had the detachment search for materials for tactics in the Hunchun and South Ussuri areas, especially in the area of the Soviet-Manchukuo frontier, in consideration of the time when we open hostilities against Soviet Russia.

I submit a separate report combining this with the result of the previous information.

Page 105. Section IV. From the boundary marked "P" to Changlingtzu.

In the vicinity of the 965 meter hill (situated to the southeast of Tumentsu, about 13 kilometers from the village) and Yentung Leitzki, there are dense forest areas which are great obstacles to movement, and the land is extremely rough there, forming a very steep slope difficult to climb. The figure may indicate that other places near the boundary also form a steep mountainous area, but actually they are plain in their geographical features and are thinly wooded; so the action of troops is not anywhere blocked. Although roads leading to Russian territory are now generally in disrepair, units with formations of vehicles could easily penetrate into Russian territory after some repairs are made, for there was once frequent traffic on the road. It should be noticed that a motor road has been constructed along the river valley, extending from the border station of GPU to the direction of the east coast road. Owing to this new road, our action after we have crossed the border is very easy.

In the vicinity of Chang-ling-tzu it is flat, and it would be easy for the various troops to pass over the Hunchun-Yuanchow which crosses this area. Mountainous districts on either side of the road are generally in gentle slopes, giving freedom to visibility, firing, and off the road action. We shall easily be able to penetrate into Russian territory with large forces.

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